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# **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are not enclosed, as they may be found in parent application 09/604,161, filed June 27, 2000, from which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of the documents will be furnished upon request by the Examiner.

Also, enclosed for the Examiner's convenience is a copy of an International Search report issued in connection with a corresponding international application.

## **FORMAL MATTERS**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), since a first Office Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1710. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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